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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5568

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SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF CHILEAN AIRCRAFT

REF: LIMA 5569

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 6 CARRIES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT
LEDECA HIJACKING JULY 5. THE FOUR UNNAMED HIJACKERS
(THREE MEN AND ONE WOMAN RANGING IN AGES FROM ABOUT 18
TO 30 AND WHO CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP IN THE "LEFTIST COMMAND
OF CHILE", USED REVOLVERS TO FORCE WAY INTO COCKPIT SHORTLY
AFTER AIRCRAFT LEFT ARICA. THEY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO
REFUEL IN LIMA AND CONTINUE ON TO CARACAS. ACCORDING TO
PRESS, HOWEVER, CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET ASKED GOP NOT TO
PERMIT ONWARD FLIGHT FROM PERU.

2. ON ARRIVAL LIMA, NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY INTERIOR
MINISTER CISNEROS, FONMIN DE LA PUENTE AND CHILEAN AMBASSADOR
TO PERU BULNES. HIJACKERS APPARENTLY ASKED GOC TO
FREE IMPRISONED CHILEAN POLITICAL LEADERS SCHNAKE AND LAZO.

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HOWEVER, THE ACCEPTED INSTEAD STATUS AS "GUESTS" IN VENEZUELAN
EMBASSY

IN LIMA UNTIL EMBASSY RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM CARACAS. AFTER
MAINTENANCE CHECK OF AIRCRAFT, FLIGHT DEPARTED WITH PASSENGERS
FOR SANTIAGO AT 1940 HOURS JULY 5.

3. AMCONSUL AND AIRATT SPOKE WITH U.S. CITIZEN PASSENGERS

SPENCER AND PECK. BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO EMBASSY FOR ITS INTEREST AND TO EMBASSY SANTIAGO AND DEPARTMENT FOR ADVISING THEIR RELATIVES OF THEIR WELFARE.

4. COMMENT: GOP PROBABLY WITH GRANT QUICKLY SAFE CONDUCT PASSES TO VENEZUELA FOR HIJACKERS IF REQUESTED AND IS PLEASED SINCE HIJACKED ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT LANDED LIMA ENROUTE HAVANA IN 197 (FIRST TO PERU SINCE HIJACKED ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT LANDED LIMA ENROUTE HAVANA IN 1973) WAS SOLVED WITHOUT VIOLENCE OR INJURY. PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN OFFICIALS ALREADY HAVE INDICATED CONCERN PRIVATELY THAT WILLINGNESS BY PERU AND VENEZUELA TO ACCEPT HIJACKERS MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO USE LIMA AS DESTINATION.
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